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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Small Employer Insurance for Contractors SB 676

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Companion to HB 695

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 676 adds a definition of small employer that includes: “a person that has a current contract for state business specific to health and human services programs and employs fewer than an average of five hundred persons over a twelve-month period.”

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD reports that the health care insurance marketplace treats employers with less than 50 employees (small employers) less favorably than employers with greater than 50 employees (large employers). The intent of the legislation is to assist small employers who have less clout in the marketplace and not to interfere with the private market for health insurance for large employers who had more viable options for obtaining commercial health insurance.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HSD reports no performance or administration implications.

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